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Amendments to the Specification

Please amend paragraph 7.2 as shown below:

[0007.2] Further according to the invention a portable surface cleaner comprises a base housing adapted for movement along a surface to be cleaned, an upright handle pivotally mounted to the base housing, a suction nozzle ~~asseeiated with~~ mounted to the base housing and adapted to draw dirt from the surface to be cleaned, a vacuum source in fluid communication the suction nozzle for drawing air through the suction nozzle, an electrical cord mounted to the handle and connected to the vacuum source; and upper and lower cord wraps in spaced apart, axially-aligned relationship along a cord wrap axis on the handle for wrapping an electrical cord in a loop. According to the invention, the electrical cord is mounted to the handle at a location in substantial axial-alignment with the upper and lower cord wrap axiss and projects from the handle in a direction in substantial ~~axial~~-alignment with at least one of the upper and lower cord wraps so that the electrical cord projects from the handle in a relatively straight line between the handle and the at least one of the upper and lower cord wraps.

Please amend paragraph [0032] as shown below:

[0032] Upright handle 100 includes an upright handle housing 102 comprising front and rear shells 110, 120, a handgrip 130, an upper handle tube 134, and a liquid supply tank 140. Upper cord wrap 136 generally projects from handgrip 130, and lower cord wrap 112 generally projects from housing 102 in spaced apart relationship axial-in alignment with the upper cord wrap 136 along a longitudinal axis of the handle. As shown in the drawings, the electrical cord projects from the handle housing in a direction in substantial ~~axial~~-alignment with the longitudinal axis of the handle that includes the upper and lower cord wraps so that the electrical cord projects from the handle in a relatively straight line between the handle and the upper and lower cord wraps. That is, the electrical cord projects from the handle in a direction that is on or nearly on a straight line that passes through the upper and lower cord wraps.

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